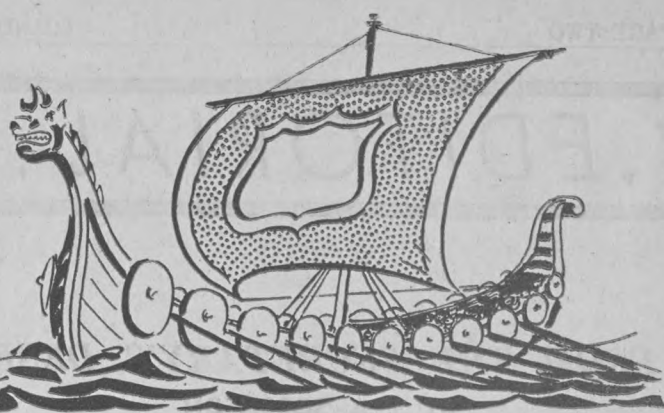




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DIRECTORS TURN SOD FOR NEW CENTRE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th - 2 p.m.



On Sunday, October 27, 1963, at 2:00 p.m. everyone is invited to see the sod for the new Centre turned by the eleven directors. The new home of the Scandinavian Centre is located on the north-west corner of the intersection of 125 Avenue and 142 Street.

When you go for a drive on Sunday, come over to the ceremonies. All roads lead to the Scandinavian Centre. The newly-elected Mayor of Edmonton, William Hawrelak, will be there. Cabinet Ministers, Hon. N. C. Halmrast, Hon. A. O. Aalborg, Hon. R. Reiersen, Hon. N. A. Willmore, and Hon. H. E. Strom, of the Provincial Government will be there. The Norwegian Consul, Mr. A. Johannessen; the Danish Vice-Consul, Mr. K. Holm-Pedersen; the Swedish Vice-Consul, Mr. O. S. Franzen; the Honorary Consul for Finland, Mr. W. Stanley Ross, Q.C., will also be in attendance. The Presidents of the Scandinavian Societies . . . **Peter Sather** of Sons of Norway; **Gunnar Thorvaldson** of the Icelandic Society of Edmonton; **Tony Salomaa** of the Finnish Society of

Edmonton; **S. J. Johnson** of Vasa Lodge Skandia; and **Jens Godbersen** of the Danish Society Dania . . . will also be there.

The Conveners of the Scandinavian Program — Erik Pedersen, Henry Lindblad, and Herman Tennesen — will be present.

Yes, the architect, Dr. Minsos, and the Contractor, Rolf Vollan, will attend.

Carl Elgstrand and his Scandinavian Orchestra will add to the gaiety of the event. The MacDonald Quartet — Jimmie, Angus, Crystal and "Ma" Minnie — will be there to entertain you.

In fact . . . a lot of people will be there . . . so YOU COME TOO!!!

Oh yes, the press, the radio and T.V. will be there; so come and get into the news.

And if you have missed all the foregoing, come for Kafe (coffee) and Kringle (Danish pastry).

When it is all over, I hope we can say: "Ja, the Svensons, the Johnsons, the Larsens, the Nielsens and the Olsons vas all dar."

Your Planning Committee

Your Planning Committee consists of **S. J. Johnson**, Chairman; **H. Markstrom**, and **G. A. Larson**. They have worked closely with the architect, Rensaa and Minsos. Their plans were shown to the shareholders and approved August 13, 1963. Since then they have worked out the detailed specifications for the first unit of the Scandinavian Centre. The shareholders and the Scandinavian Centre owe them a HEARTY VOTE OF THANKS.

Norwegian Hour On C.K.U.A. Radio

Mr. Sigurd Sorenson is dedicating the Sunday of October 27, as the Norwegian Hour on CKUA Radio to the University of Alberta and Professor H. Tennesen.

The November 10 Sunday program will be dedicated to Edvard Greig and his works by local talent. The program which was held on October 13 was dedicated to the Lutheran Churches. Please turn your dial to C.K.U.A. Radio and listen to the Scandinavian program.

Ulla Vesalainen Receives Bursary

Miss Ulla Vesalainen was the winner of the Bursary awarded by the Finnish Society of Edmonton this year. Miss Vesalainen is taking her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Alberta, majoring in English.

The Bursary was presented to Miss Vesalainen at the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Finnish Society on October 5th.

Your Board Of Directors For 1963

Here they are:

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For further information you may contact any of the directors. You may, of course, turn in your share applications to them, or offer volunteer work.

Sumarlidason's Show Films

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumarlidason journeyed to Markerville and Red Deer during the Thanksgiving weekend and showed their pictures of Iceland to large and appreciative audiences in both centres. In Markerville the Community Hall was packed. Mr. Thorlekson introduced the guests and Mr. Bjarnason played Icelandic records. The beautiful slides held the audience spellbound and had an added historic significance to all those present. Just four months previous Mr. and Mrs. Sumarlidason had stood at the cairn honoring Stephen G. Stephenson and erected by the people of Iceland. Now they were showing pictures of this monument in the Community where he lived so long, where he died, and where he is buried.

In Red Deer Mr. and Mrs. Sumarlidason stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ireson. They had Thanksgiving Dinner with Mrs. Asmundson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goodacre. During the afternoon they again showed their pictures and once again they were thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially Mrs. Asmundson, who was born in Iceland and who is now an invalid and confined to her home.

In the evening the Sumarlidasons entertained Mr. and Mrs.

Leif Erikson Night Held

Leif Erikson Night was celebrated with a program put on by the Sunray Junior Lodge. Mr. K. Amdam gave the opening address.

Mr. K. Svidal was Master of Ceremonies. The program opened with O' Canada, followed with a piano selection by Kenneth Storheim. Guest artists were Wendy Philipson, Provincial Silver medal winner, sang a couple of solos and 3 year old Crystal Mina Fleuty, who sang "Michael Row the Boat Ashore", accompanied by Crystal MacDonald Fleuty. Other entertainers were Evelyn Johnson and Debbie Matheis in song, novelty numbers, accompanied by Jimmy MacDonald on the guitar. There were five entrants in the musical competition: Donna Bukvi, who gave a piano selection. Murray Sather, accordion, Debbie Waldal accordion, Dennis Bukvi piano, and Sandra Oyen accordion. Debbie Waldal walked off with the prize.

This was followed by Norwegian Folk Dancing, performers were Donna and Dennis Bukvi, Inez Hovde and Robert Anderson, music supplied by Hazel Lubbers. Another novelty song number was sung by Carol, Darwin and Laural Hill. Jimmy MacDonald sang "Good Night Irene". The cast returned on stage to sing "Smile Awhile" and the program concluded with "Ja Ve Elsker." Program convener was Mrs. M. MacDonald.

A lunch and dance concluded the entertainment.

Sons Of Norway Hold Social

The annual Western Night, members social was held at the Masonic Temple September 20. A "favorite dish" supper was held before a brief meeting, followed by dancing, music supplied by the Lodge orchestra, Mrs. H. Lubbers, Mr. Amdam and Joe Lineham.

Ireson, their family and grandchildren, and friends, with their interesting slides and narrations.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumarlidason have had many requests to show these wonderful pictures of Iceland and we hope they will be able to show them again to members of the Icelandic Society. Many members were unable to attend the first showing.

EDITORIAL

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

BY S. A. SORENSON



Monday, October 14, was officially "Thanksgiving Day." On this day, with turkey and all the trimmings, we are reminded of the many blessings that are ours. We are thankful for the wonderful weather, and for the wonderful crops. We in the Scandinavian Centre are thankful for many things:

CONTRACT FOR CENTRE AWARDED TO R. VOLLAN LTD.

On Thursday, October 17, the directors met and passed unanimously a motion "That we accept the tender of R. Vollan Ltd. for \$105,439.00 for the building of the Scandinavian Centre, subject to any changes which may be recommended by the Board of Directors and/or the Architect as an economy measure."

The directors had met on October 11, and opened the tenders a list of which follows:

E. Markstrom Construction	\$129,269
Stuart Olson Ltd.	\$120,892
R. Vollan Ltd.	\$105,439
Noral Construction Ltd.	\$116,446
N. Nilsen Construction	\$109,239

DIRECTORS MEET OCTOBER 11, 17 AND 22

Highlights of the meeting were:

- 12 snare applications accepted from: O. W. Nelson; F. Thomsen; C. Petersen; V. Kristensen; K. Paulsen; A. Meleschko, C. M. Johnson; V. Christensen; Edna F. M. McEvony; K. Idland; V. Ungstad and P. Udsen.
- "Building Ball" report of Don Shaw showed a net profit of \$167.93.
- Mrs. Vera Nielsen, business manager of the Scandinavian News reported a profit of \$36.10 for September.
- 23 applications for the Summer 1964 Charter Flight were reported by S. A. Sorenson, Flight Chairman.
- S. J. Johnson, chairman of Planning Committee is moving to Minburn. H. Markstrom will replace him as chairman.
- Annual Scandinavian Night set for January 18, 1964.
- Don Shaw's resignation was accepted with regret. The Assistant Social Director, H. A. (Gus) Hansen will take over his duties as Social Director. Mr. Hansen's first responsibility will be the organization and planning of Annual Scandinavian Night to be held at the Jubilee Auditorium on January 18, 1964.
- Mr. K. L. Svidal will call the Cultural Committee together to plan and set the stage for Scandapades, 1964 edition, to be presented at Annual Scandinavian Night, January 18, 1964.

CANCELLATIONS FROM MAILING LIST:

Because we do not know of their present whereabouts, the following members of the Scandinavian Centre have been removed from the mailing list of the News:

H. Anderson	Clarence Lindquist
James K. Anderson	Svend Nielsen
J. B. Clee	O. Pedersen
Olaf J. Ebeltoft	V. Ristola
Poul Knutson	Svend Steffensen
Mr. and Mrs. Kent Christensen	

In addition there were some additions and many changes. If you know the new address of any of the above people, please let me know. For all changes in the mailing list contact S. A. Sorenson, 600 McLeod Building, Edmonton, or call GA 4-7311.

FINNISH SOCIETY FOOTNOTES

Ten years ago many Finnish families and single men and women arrived in Edmonton. They knew that ahead of them lay many difficulties. They realized that their cant knowledge of the English language would create their biggest problem.

Many of them were very lonely, because they were not able to communicate with their Canadian neighbors. They decided that one way to combat this loneliness would be to organize a club for the Finnish people of Edmonton, where they could keep Finnish culture alive, and at the same time learn the customs of other Canadians. Thus the Finnish Society of Edmonton was born.

The Club received much assistance from the Finnish people who had lived here for many years, and although the membership is fairly small, the members have always had an enjoyable time at the socials. The Society has always been ready to help anyone in need.

The activities of the Society have been varied. They have included monthly dances, a yearly bazaar, Christmas parties, an annual fishing derby, sewing circles, midnight bonfires, housewarmings, birthday and farewell parties. In addition to these activities, many interesting plays have been presented. The Society has also arranged socials for the Finnish people in Thorhild, Eckville and Abbee. During the past two years bursaries have been awarded to students to enable them to further their educations.

The 10th Anniversary celebration was held at the Devlin banquet room on October 5, 1963. A brief program was followed by a smorgasbord supper and dancing. It was a most enjoyable evening for all who came, and certainly the most memorable event in the Society's history. We acknowledge our thanks to all the people who so willingly helped to make the celebration such a success.

Speedy recovery to Mr. H. Haapakoski who has been in the University Hospital for some time.

Just a little reminder ladies, as fall is here and winter is coming fast, we should settle down to more sewing and baking. We hope that every lady will give a little and when put together, our fall bazaar will prove successful. The bazaar is November 2nd at the Cromdale Hall.

Mr. Leslie Rama of Edmonton and Mr. Eino Tikkanen of Rich Lake, Alberta, travelled to Quesnel, B.C. to spend their holidays with Mr. E. Tikkanen's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Plomandon and family.

Cards of Thanks . . .

I wish to thank the Finnish Society of Edmonton for the lovely bouquet of flowers which they sent me. It was thoughtful of them, as I was unable to attend the 10th anniversary celebration of the Society. Thank you one and all.

—Maria Carlson

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Finnish Society of Edmonton which recently awarded me their annual bursary.

—Ulla Vesalainen

Mrs. O. Virtanen was recently in the Miserecordia Hospital.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. B. Spenrath and family at their new

home in Viking, Alberta.

Rita Nahkuri and Irja Rastas spent a very enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend in Banff, Alberta.

Thank you to Mrs. V. Rastas who was hostess of the first sewing circle to be held this season. The time and place of the next circle will be announced later.

Congratulations to Miss Ulla Vesalainen who was awarded the bursary from the Finnish Society this year. Miss Vesalainen is taking her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Alberta and is majoring in English. Ulla's average by the way was 82 per cent. The bursary was presented to Miss Vesalainen at the 10th Anniversary celebration of the Finnish Society on October 5th. Good luck in your studies. We are confident that you will do as well in University as you did in high school.



Mr. T. Salomaa

Mr. T. Salomaa, President of the Finnish Society, delivers a message at the 10th Anniversary celebration on October 5th, 1963.

Sons Of Norway Emblem

The dragons that came gliding out of the mists to explore Ireland, Scotland, Briton and most of Europe as well as North America during the ninth, tenth and eleventh centuries were not imaginary. These dragons were real and their bodies were the dreaded Viking langskip (langboat) that for three centuries made their mark in most of the known world. Guided by their wits, and in good weather by the North Star and other celestial bodies, they left their land of the Midnight Sun to travel, explore and settle in all parts of the world.

Sons of Norway, a fraternal benefit society, providing membership privileges and life and hospital insurance for 20th century VIKINGS has captured some of this history and tradition in its beautiful emblem in the shape of the VIKING SHIELD; emblazed at the top is the NORTH STAR; surrounded by the big S/N; followed by the heavens and the MIDNIGHT SUN, the rolling SEA and the VIKING SHIP (langboat) to become the finest and most versatile ship in the world at the time of these explorations, when the rest of the world was in confusion and chaos. The ship was not only capable of crossing the treacherous North Atlantic, but of skimming up shallow rivers deep inland. Evidences of their landings have been found as far inland as Alexandria, Minnesota, where they carved out a message on the now famed runestone.

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Toward the end of the tenth century, Tryggvason's "Lomp Serpent" is said to have been 160 feet long having 34 oars on each side. Most ships however, were 80 feet long sharply pointed on prow and stern, widening to about 16 feet amidship, with 16 oars on each side. For their size they were extremely light because all planking was clinker type, hand-hewn to leave cleats for lashing with thongs to the ribs. There was no superstructure to protect the crew from the elements except that while in port a tarpaulin could be stretched tent-like over two long poles running down the center of the ship.

The rudder or "steerboard" was on the right side where it could be pivoted up out of the way in shallow water and accounts for the right side of the ship being called the "starboard."

There was so little room aboard that all shields were stored hanging over the gunwales on each side. The Vikings were proud of their ship. The brightly painted shields, brilliantly enameled dragon heads on the prow, and for special occasions brightly colored, vertically striped velvet sails made a dazzling impression. The Viking Age came to an end in about the 11th century when stronger bridges were built on rivers to bar the long ship and when coastal defenses were improved and well manned.

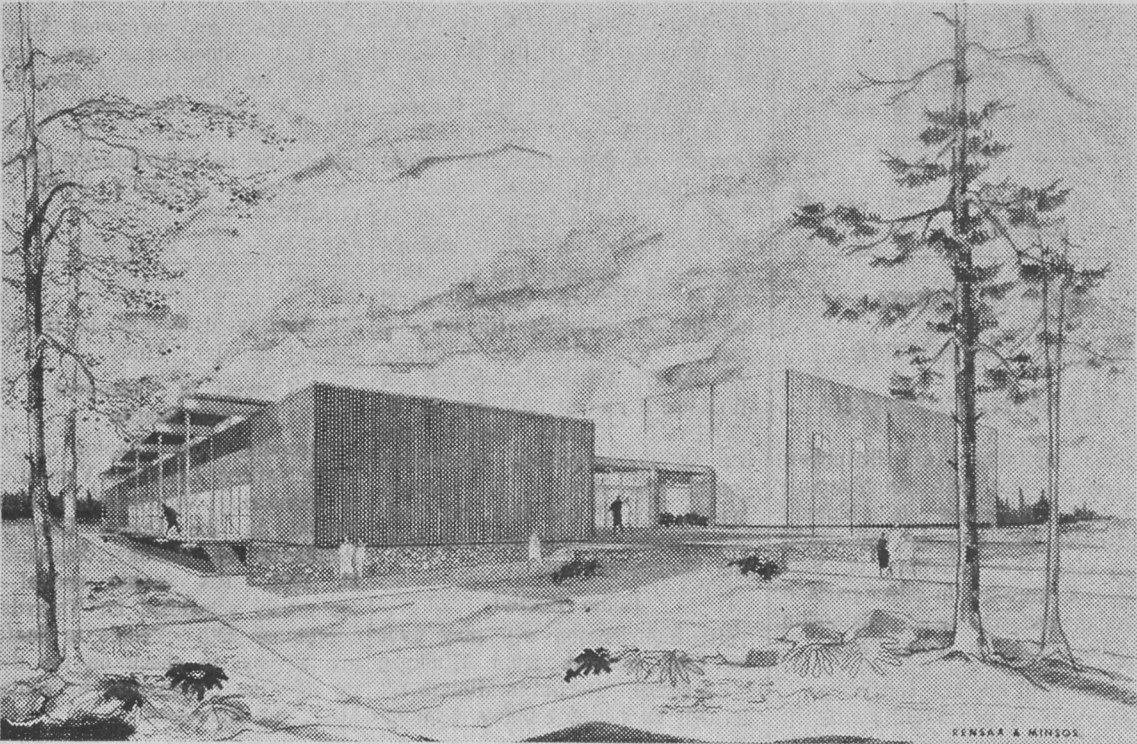
It was then the langskip gave way to the Knarr, or trading ship, which was clumsier and slower but whose broad beam was more spacious for carrying cattle, food stuffs, farm gear and families. It was then the Viking Dragon disappeared from the seas and rivers but took her place in the hearts of men who remember her sleek beauty. All this history is symbolically represented in the Sons of Norway Shield.

The Norwegian film "Cold Tracks," produced by Arne Skouen, will be shown by Toronto Film Society during the 1963 fall season.

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ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF PROPOSED
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE . . .



A COMMUNITY CENTRE WITH A SCANDINAVIAN FLAVOUR . . .
(The shaded portion to be built now)

VOLUNTEER WORKERS . . .

Enthusiasm for the Centre is high. Already the following have volunteered their services:

1. Rolf Helgeson

2. John Fischer

3. Eric R. Johnson

4. Charles Jensen

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 . . .
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

PLEASE PRINT

Full Name

Age

Address

Phone No.

Racial Origin

Occupation

DEAR SHAREHOLDER:

On Thursday, October 17th, Vollan Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract to build the first unit of the Scandinavian Centre. Construction will begin immediately, and the contractor has estimated that it will take 4 months to complete. We must raise \$50,000 in that time in order to have the Centre paid for in full. Here is how we arrive at this figure:

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:

Construction of Building,	
Contract Price	\$105,439.00
Purchase of land	10,000.00
Architect's Fees	5,000.00
Estimated cost of furnishings and equipment	15,000.00
TOTAL COST:	\$135,439.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE:

On Deposit at National Trust	\$ 76,965.72
Accounts Receivable, estimated	10,000.00
	\$ 86,965.72

MONEY NEEDED

48,474.28

\$135,439.00

This money can be raised easily if you (every share-
holder) will buy another share, or get one new shareholder.
If only 1,000 shareholders buy another share, we will have
the required \$50,000.

Complete the application on this page, and mail it
together with your cheque for \$50.00 or more to:

The Secretary-Treasurer,
The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association,
600 McLeod Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

Yours in co-operation,
S. A. SORENSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

10 YEARS OF SCANDINAVIAN
CO-OPERATION . . .

The first meeting of what has become known as The
Scandinavian Centre was held on October 4, 1953 at the
Y.M.C.A.

Those present decided that evening to begin Scand-
inavian Co-operation, and ultimately build a Scandinavian
Centre as a common meeting-place for the societies of
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Through this association it was felt that Scandinavians
could better make a contribution of that which is good in
the Nordic background to an emerging Canadianism. Then,
too, it was felt only fitting to build a living memorial to our
Scandinavian pioneers, who have made such a lasting contri-
bution to the development of Western Canada.

- There has been steady and sure progress in the
last 10 years. To sum up:
- (1) Annual summer chartered flights to Scandinavia.

(2) Annual Scandinavian Night at the Jubilee Auditorium.

(3) Annual Scandinavian Day at Elk Island Park.

(4) The Scandinavian News - a monthly newspaper.

(5) Over 1,500 shareholders with \$76,965.72 in the
building fund.

(6) The Scandinavian Program over Station C.K.U.A. every
other Sunday.

This is an outstanding record in solid achievement.
An excellent foundation has been laid. Now we will actually
see the dream of 10 years — THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE
— being built upon this solid foundation.

By March 1, 1964, the home for the Scandinavian
Societies of the five countries will be ready to enter. It now
falls upon the Societies and their members to make good
use of the Centre. In order to make it an enjoyable and
profitable operation, activities galore should be carried on
within its confines . . . banquets, smorgasbords, lutefisk
suppers, wedding receptions, gymnastic classes, kindergarten,
bingos, dances, games, folk-dancing, etc., etc.

It will be truly a community centre with a Scand-
inavian flavor. It will be the duty of the future manager of
the Centre to keep it that way. People like to do things
that are different. People like to eat things which are
difficult! And they like to do it in a different environment.

With the first stage of the Centre built we can antici-
pate even greater progress in the next 10 years. So, on-
ward! Buy that share now!

ICELANDIC SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. Asta Oddson spent a month in Edmonton visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leif Oddson and their family. While here she saw her latest grandchild, wee Leif Colin Oddson, baptised. Mrs. Oddson has now returned to her home in Winnipeg.

Miss Leoni Oddson, 10 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Oddson, recently won a scholarship for high marks in Grade 2 music. Leoni's average was 83 per cent and is certainly a wonderful accomplishment. Congratulatoins Leoni, and our best wishes for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar motored from Lyleton, Manitoba, to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson and family.

Mrs. Tillie Johnson has taken up residence in Ottewell Lodge, 6675 - 92nd Avenue.

Wedding Bells . . .
On September 14th, Miss Gale Marleen Brown became the bride of Mr. Bryce Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mtichell. The happy young couple will reside in Edmonton.

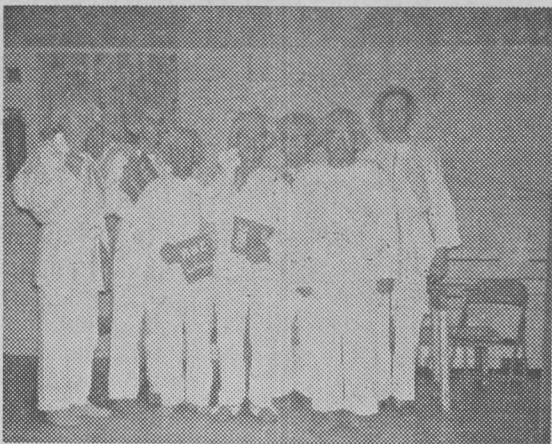
A newcomer to our fair City is Miss Shirley Thorsteinson, formerly of Winnipeg. Miss Thorsteinson has taken a position as Labraotory Technician at the University.

Dance Revue . . .
The first dance of the season was held at the Mocombo on October 19th. A large crowd was in attendance and happily waltzed twisted and jived to the excellent music of the Golden Nuggets. Many to the gaiety of the evening. A novelty dances and prizes added midnight lunch completed a very successful event. President Gunnar Thorvaldson was in charge of arrangements and was able assisted by Mr. Don Shaw, Mr. Valgardson, Shirley Thorvaldson, Mickey Shaw, Audrey Benediktson and Margaret Cameron. Among those from out of town attending the dance were Mr. and Mrs. G. Gottfred, Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar, Lyleton, Manitoba.

Thank You Ladies . . .
Many thanks to the ladies who so kindly baked Icelandic Vinarterta and Ponnakakur for the Cafeteria Internationale U.N. Dinner . . . Mrs. A. Orr, Mrs. G. Eyford, Mrs. G. Eaman, Mrs. A. Mitchell and Mrs. H. Sumarlidason. Also to the gals who so unstintingly gave of their time to make loaves and loaves of sandwiches for our dance on October 19th.

—Shirley Thorvaldson
As the result of a tragic motor accident Mr. Jacob Cook passed away, the funeral being hldd October 15th. He leaves his wife, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gisla-son, and sons, Darrell, Dwayne and Arthur, aged three months. The Edmonton Icelandic Society extend their sympathy.

Recent visitors to Edmonton were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gottfred of Winnipeg. Mr. Gottfred was Super-intendent of C. N. Telecommunica-tions in Edmonton for thirteen years before moving to Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Gottfred were former members of the Edmonton Icelandic



The Seven Bros. The Seven Brothers — in one of their recent skits.

Swedish 18th Century Ballet

An 18th Century ballet at a theatre of the epoch will be pre-sented when Eurovision viewers in several countries see the Swedish Ballet "Atis and Camilla" per-formed at the Drottningholm Court Theatre in September.

Last year the musical directors of television stations throughout Europe met in Salzburg and the idea was conceived to have each country present a program for Eurovision with original music of the respective countries performed in their original settings.

The Swedish TV producer Arne Arnbom thus chose ballet, and ballet expert Mary Skeaping was appointed choreographer. The ballet which they have decided to stage is based on the 18th Century Swedish poet Creutz poem "Atis and Camilla" with music from Johan Helmich Roman's Drottningholm suite.

The 18th century Drottningholm Palace and Court Theatre will be shown to Eurovision viewers as an introduction to the ballet and, at the televised performance, the audience will be all dressed in 18th century costume. The shoot-ing of the TV film took place at Drottningham last week.

Society. While here they attended the Icelandic Dance.

Mrs. Roland Decosse, nee Marg-aret Helgason, from St. Paul, Alberta visited her father, brothers relatives of her huspand, Dr. De-cosse, in St. Boniface. Mrs. Decosse is very active in the musical circles in St. Paul and Edmonton.

Winnipeg Vasa Lodge Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The invitation to Strindberg Lodge No. 259 50th Annnivsary provided members of Skandia Lodge No. 549 with the opportunity of seeing the activities of Vasa Order of America in other parts of Canada, and was most outstanding and successful in every way.

Their drill team, consisting of men and women, magnificently initiated thirty-one candidates during their afternoon ceremony. High-light of the evening was the pre-sentations of 50 year pins to eight Charter Members, Amil Johnson from Edmonton being one of the recipients.

It was most pleasing to see our Grand Master, Nils Johnson, re-covered to such an extent that he could attend their great event. Out-siders seated at the head table were Grand Master, Nils Johnson and wife; Grand Lodge Deputy, Eric Pierre; District Master, Arvid Lax; District Master, Margaret Eliasson and Mons Eliasson.

Members of Winnipeg Lodge were most gracious hosts in enter-taining and welcoming guests.

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Rognvaldur Sigurjonsson's Concerts

Rognvaldur Sigurjonsson

This noted Iccelandic pianist leaves Iceland on the 12th of Sept., arriving in Winnipeg on Saturday the 13th, to begin immediate pre-paration for his piano recital at the Playhouse Theatre (Market Ave. east of Main) on Wednesday night, September 18th, 8:30 p.m.

The Icelandic National League in association with the Celebrity Concerts is sponsoring his recital in Winnipeg.

Guests of the League invited to attend Rognvaldur Sigurjonsson's concert are: Premier and Mrs. Duff Roblin; American Consul-General and Mrs. John Morris; His Worship Stephen Juba, Mayor of Winnipeg and Mrs. Juba; University of Manitoba President and Mrs. H. H. Saunderson; Danish Consul and Mrs. J. B. Jorgensen; Norwegian Consul and Mrs. J. H. Landro; Swedish Consul and Mrs. Ed Carl-son; Finnish Vice-Consul and Mrs. Nils Hammarstrand.

Radio Recital

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ber 22nd, at 1:30 a.m. to 12 noon Central Standard Time.

Concert in Vancouver and Seattle

"Strondin," the Chapter of Ice-landic National League in Vancouver, is sponsoring Sigurjonsson's Piano Recital in the Queen Elizabeth Playhouse on Monday, September 23, 1963. His Seattle recital is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 26th. People in Seattle are advised to check on the date through the newspapers or contact Mr. Tani Bjornsson.

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SKANDIA HIGHLIGHTS

The October 5th meeting was the beginning of the winter meetings in Town held at the I.O.O.F. Temple. Vice-Chairman Harold Markstrom presiding. District Cultural Leader and President of Buford Lodge No. 577 - Bro. Floyd Modin was a visitor to the meeting. Skandia members Bro. and Sister Lundgren also were visiting from Winnipeg. Initiations took place with the Vasa Drill Team officiating. The following new members were initiated into the Lodge: Joanne Ogren, Irene and Ernest Hokanson. The Smorgasbord committee was elected for the big event on October 26th. Lunch was served and dancing then followed. The next meeting will be held on November 2nd, at 7 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Temple.

Lulu and Harold Lundgren and Lisa of Winnipeg, Manitoba have been in Edmonton visiting relatives and friends, and also goose hunting at Veteran, Alberta.

Gordon Samuelson has been in Kansas City, Mo., attending the Brotherhood of Railway Car Men's Convention.

Helen Riley has been visiting relatives and friends at Lacombe, Alberta.

Kenneth and Bernice Pearson and family have moved to Victoria, B.C.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following members who have been ill: Roger Sund, Anna Sund, Ocar Carlson of Vancouver, Eric Tell.

Mons and Margaret Eliasson attended the Calgary Branting Lodge meeting on October 11th in interest of the trip to Sweden, 1964. A wedding was also of interest for them on this trip.

Vasa Ladies
The Vasa Ladies held their October 15th meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson. The ladies were very busy preparing and planning for the Smorgasbord on October 6th. Vasa members will be contacted regarding time and place of next Ladies meeting.

Past Presidents
The Past Presidents held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Engvall on September 21st.

Finnish Society Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Members of the Finnish Society of Edmonton celebrated the 10th Anniversary of their association on October 5th at the Devlin Banquet Room. An enjoyable program began the festivities, and was followed by a Smorgasbord Supper and Dance. It was a lively evening enjoyed by everyone present.

Fifteen foreign graduate teachers who plan to teach in Norwegian schools attended a 14-day briefing course arranged by the Norwegian Ministry of Church and Education this summer. It was the first course of its kind ever held in Norway.

Sweden Ranking Second Among Tanker Builders

Among the world's shipbuilding nations, Sweden remained in fourth place in gross tonnage launched and finished during the second quarter of this year, according to Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Sweden also comes fourth in the list of countries with the greatest tonnage under construction. The figures also show that the average size of vessels built in Swedish shipyards is larger than the average for the three leading countries, Japan, the United Kingdom and Western Germany.

One reason for this is the relatively high proportion of tankers, Sweden ranking second among the shipbuilding nations for this kind of ships. The gross tonnage launched in the second quarter in the four leading nations was Japan 44,215 (165 vessels); U.K. 272,456 (43 vessels); West Germany 281,891, (54 vessels) and Sweden 246,943 (21 vessels).

Work was started in the second quarter on 170 ships in Japan (589,989 gross tons), on 44 in the United Kingdom (24,041 tons) on 21 in Sweden (204,84 tons) and on 44 in West Germany (185,49 tons).

Nordic Maritime Law Institute

Nordic Institute of Maritime Law, the first institute in the field of jurisprudence to be jointly sponsored by the five Nordic countries, has been officially opened at the University of Oslo.

Established on the initiative of Sweden, following recommendations adopted by the consultative Nordic Council at its fall meeting in 1959, the Institute began its work in January, 1963.

Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden each has one representative on the Institute's board, which is chaired by Dr. Sjur Braekhus, Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Oslo.

The cost of operation is shared by the participating countries with Norway and Sweden each paying 35 per cent, Denmark 20 per cent and Finland 10 per cent.

Renovation of premises in the old building of Oslo University has been financed partly by the Norwegian state and partly by contributions from Norwegian shipping and insurance firms. The volume of work in progress is as follows: Japan 1,521,608 gross tons, United Kingdom 1,515,73 gross tons, West Germany 1,793,000 gross tons and Sweden 840,539 tons.

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Dates to Remember

November 8 — Historical Evening at Molson's Edmonton House, 120 Street and 104 Avenue.

November 16 — Lutfisk Dinner at the Masonic Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts have moved to their new home at 10741 - 84 Avenue.

Miss Ruth Hammerstad spent the Thanksgiving weekend visiting in Calgary.

Mrs. Sam Holten had as her guest in her home for the past month, Mrs. Jacobson from Eston, Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Domstad have recently moved to 10327 - 132 Avenue.

The sympathy of all Lodge members is extended to Mr. Peter Hansen whose mother recently passed away in Denmark.

Mrs. Selma Sorenson was in the General Hospital the week of October 14th where she underwent surgery.

Mrs. Ragna Arntzen had a bad fall recently in her home, we were happy to hear she was able to be up and around doing her house work the day after. Take it easy Ragna we need you in the Lodge.

Joe Lineham has returned home from the Royal Alexandra Hospital feeling much better. Watch that back Joe.

Augustana Lutheran Church News

World wide Communion Sunday was a special day at Augustana Lutheran Church. On that sixth day of October, the new Western Canada Synod office was dedicated to the extension of God's Kingdom. The structure includes a president's office, space for his secretary, and a board room.

Two items of interest for the future are the city wide Reformation Festival on October 27 and a gathering of Young Adults to hear a rendition of the Christian Church's liturgy in Jazz.

The Reformation gathering will be on Reformation Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Jubilee Auditorium. Dr. George Aus of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota will be the speaker. A joint Junior and Senior Choir from city congregations will sing. The entire Protestant community is invited to attend this festive joint service.

The Young Adults of Augustana will meet on Sunday afternoon, November 3, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. The liturgy put to jazz will be listened to and commented upon by the group. The place of the noon dinner meeting is Miss Anne Riemer's apartment, located at 10027 - 110 Street, Suite D.

A Gift Hospital In Mysen, Norway

A hospital in Norway with an unusual background is nearing completion and is expected to be officially opened by the end of the year. It is located in Mysen in southeastern Norway and its name will be the Edwin Rudd Hospital for geriatric diseases. (The branch of medicine that deals with the diseases and hygiene of old age).

What is unusual about it is the fact that the entire hospital built at the cost of some five million kroner, is the gift of a man who was born in that part of the country, but emigrated in his early twenties to the new world and where he died close to eighty years old.

The man for whom the hospital is named, Edwin Ruud, was born in 1854 of very poor parents and came to the United States in the late 1870's. He had his basic technical education in Norway, and his technical knowledge combined with his rare business acumen soon brought him great riches in his new home.

At the time of his death in 1932 he was considered one of the five wealthiest men in the city of Pittsburgh, and when his estate was finally settled in 1954, it was found that he had donated more than five million kroner to the place of his birth which he had left more than half a century before.

—This is an excerpt taken from the Norseman.

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Dania Gymnastic Club

Dania Gymnastic Club is now in full swing with four teams for girls and ladies on Mondays and two teams for men and bops on Wednesdays. Quite likely some stiff muscles were the results of the first days exercises; but this is only an indication that the efforts are having the desired effort.

We would like to point out to anybody, who for some reason were not able to get started during the last few weeks, never the less to come along and join as soon as possible. For the ones who are now enjoying the exercises, we will remind you to keep proding your friends and relatives and get them to join the groups.

For information please phone 477-5536.

Dania's Banquet And Dance Held October 18th

It was quite an occasion for the large crowd attending. The tables all set up with mouthwatering delicatessen were first competing with the bar for attention; but soon everybody were seated and started to dig into the good food.

Tom Nielsen acting as toastmaster, bid us welcome and Pastor S. Svenningsen said grace. When all had stilled the worst hunger, the official part of the program took place. Trophies were presented to members of the football club. Erik Jacobsen for sportsmanship and ability, Steen Hansen for the most valuable player, which was presented by Carl Andersen.

Amongst the guests at the head-table were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hermansen from Calgary and they were especially welcomed by the toastmaster with some well put comments about the City to the south of us and its outstanding Newspaper. The meal finished with some spirited singing accompanied by accordion music by Walter Jensen and Harold Petersen. Judging by the number of people on the dance floor and the energy shown in dancing everything from the twist to schottisch a very good time was had by everyone.

The Government of Spain has opened a home for Spanish seamen visiting Oslo. First of its kind in Europe, it has a small chapel and accommodations for up to 60 seamen. Some 4,000 Spaniards now are employed on Norwegian merchant ships.

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More news from the Handball Club in the next issue.

Vasa Bowling

The bowling league is now well under way. Standings as of October 11th are as follows:

Top team: Glen Eliassons' Smorgasbords.

Men's High Average — Glen Eliasson, 218.

Ladies' High Average — Emma Krag, 172.

Scandinavian Night Set For January 8th

Keep January 18, 1964 in mind! The Cultural Committee of the Scandinavian Centre has already started laying plans for a sparkling "Scandapades '64" which promises to be the event of the new year.

Social Director H. A. Hansen is meeting with his committee this week to lay plans for this exhilarating evening of fun and gaiety. You will get a full report on the activities planned in next month's paper . . . watch for it!

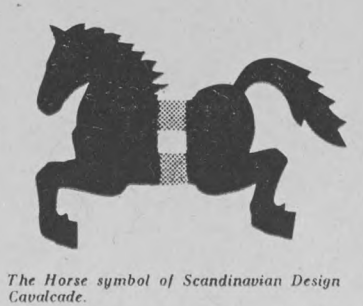
Ladies' Auxiliary Meet

The Ladies' Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Sam Holten, Wednesday, October 2. Discussion centred on participation in United Nations Week, October 19 to 26. Leif Erikson Night, October 12 and the Pie Social on initiation night, October 25th.

The draw prize was won by Mrs. E. Searl. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 30th at the home of Mrs. Ragna Sivertson, 9904 - 105 Street.

We would appreciate all our ladies to come out to this meeting as plans are to be made for the Lutfisk Supper, November 16th.

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DANIA DOINGS

At the Banquet and Dance held on October 18th Mr. Leif Anderson was lucky again to win the door prize. Other prizes went to Mrs. Peter Goodhelpsen and Miss Birthe Petersen. Everybody was happy and had a god time.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hansen of Edmonton met with an accident on Highway 21 on Sunday and were both taken to Camrose Hospital, at this date it is not known how seriously they were hurt, but we hope they will soon be home again.

Some time ago Mr. Martin Lindberg had an accident, also on Highway 21, and was brought to Camrose Hospital. He received a broken nose and broken ribs besides a big gash in his forehead; he is feeling better but is not over it as yet. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

On November 5th Mr. and Mrs. Herman Romer will celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary; hearty congratulations from all of us!

Mrs. Ejner Mortensen will celebrate her 60th birthday on November 2nd with a dinner party at her home. Congatulations!

Mr. Martin Hansen from Entwistle is living at the West Haven Home on Stony Plain Road across from the Westlawn Cemetery and he will be glad to receive visitors at any time. Visiting hours are from 2 to 3 and 7 to 8 p.m. He is 74 years old.

Mr. Carl Quitzau celebrated his 40th birthday with a very nice party recently — congratulations Carl.

"Bikuben" will hold their November meeting on Monday the 18th at 8:00 p.m. at y0029 - 85 Avenue.

Fourteen reporters from seven countries, including U.S.A. and Canada, have been on a week-long flying tour of Finnmark, Norway's northernmost province, as guests of Scandinavian Airlines.

Editorial Assistant



Minutes after boarding the passenger liner BATORY at the Montreal docks, Grethe Nielsen is pressed into service. Returning to her native Copenhagen after one year as library assistant, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Miss Nielsen helps Emil Piechowied prepare the daily Danish News bulletin for passengers. News is also distributed aboard ship in Polish and English.

North Pole Pioneer Norwegian 'Wife

The first woman pilot to cross the North Pole is a Norwegian housewife and mother of two boys.

Mrs. Ingrid Pedersen who completed her extraordinary flight with the greatest of ease this August. She covered the distance from Fairbanks, Alaska, across the pole to the northern tip of Greenland and on to Bodo, Norway, more than five thousand kilometers, in a small Cessna sports plane. She was at the controls during the entire flight while her husband, chief navigator in the Scandinavian Air-lines, took care of the navigation.

—Excerpt from The Norseman.

The Norwegian Akers shipyard group, under a contract signed with the Government of Ghana, will build 7 factory stern trawlers within the next two years. The Akers group has also undertaken to recruit officers and to train Ghanian crews.